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Subject: New Route 1 / Penobscot River Bridge, Request for Qualifications for Construction

The Maine Department of Transportation (MAINEDOT) is soliciting Statements of Qualification (SOQ) from highly qualified contracting teams to work with the Department and its Designer to build a new bridge over the Penobscot River between Prospect and Verona Island, Maine.

The preliminary scope of work is construction of a cable supported bridge approximately 2,000 feet long, together with a portion of the approach construction and all incidentals. MAINEDOT's goal is to have traffic on the new bridge by June 30, 2005. The construction value of this project is expected to be approximately \$40M. The Designer (Figg Engineering) will be onsite to provide technical assistance during construction, but construction teams should plan on performing their own engineering for erection, falsework, and fabrication as is customary for a project of this type.

The first step in this process will be a shortlisting to three construction teams. These three teams will become the "Proposers", and will be the only teams eligible to receive the Request for Proposals (RFP). Proposers will be chosen by the information in their SOQ and by contacting Owners and others with knowledge of previous projects constructed by the team or its major participants. There will be no interviews to arrive at a shortlist.

MAINEDOT and FHWA staff will evaluate each team's SOQ for the following:

- 1) Depth of experience with:
  - construction of cable supported bridges
  - construction over a navigable waterway
  - construction of large deep foundations
  - construction of deep water foundationsExperience with both concrete and steel superstructures is preferred.
- 2) Available capacity (key personnel, skilled labor, and equipment) to mobilize quickly and complete the project by June 30, 2005.
- 3) Financial resources and willingness to accept milestone payments, and to carry up to \$25M of construction cost, with a payment date of up to 90 days beyond project acceptance.
- 4) Demonstrated ability to work with an Owner and Designer on design issues, plan development, quality control, and construction management.
- 5) History of claims and schedule adherence on large complex projects.



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Your SOQ should be no more than 25 pages in length (not including any appendices, which may or may not be reviewed), outlining your team's unique experience and capability to construct this fast-track, high profile project.

Contracting teams must submit a written SOQ to MAINEDOT, Route 202, Winthrop, Maine, Attn: Chip Getchell, Commissioner's Office, by 3:00 p.m. (prevailing time) on Wednesday, September 3, 2003. By submitting an SOQ for this project, you are authorizing MAINEDOT to request information about your performance on any public works contract.

Contractors are reminded that MAINEDOT's aspirational goal for participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises is 8%, and that the selected Proposer must make a good faith effort to meet this goal.

All questions must be faxed to my attention at (207) 624-3001: Questions and answers will be posted on our website and faxed to those teams that provide an initial fax requesting such. No other MAINEDOT or Figg Engineering staff are authorized to discuss this project with you, and MAINEDOT will not be bound by any information otherwise obtained.

Sincerely,

Chip Getchell, P.E.  
MAINEDOT  
Office of Policy & Communications